

SENATE BILL 2501
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, Chapter 2, relative to fishing licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new sections:

Section 70-2-1__.

(a) The use of revenue derived from the sale of general or combination fishing licenses as well as all matching federal funds is restricted to funding the normal daily enforcement, administrative and business activities of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and for the research, stocking, distribution, procreation, enhancement and management of those species of game fish native to the waters of the Tennessee River system, the Cumberland River system, and the tributaries of the Mississippi River in the state of Tennessee.

(b) The funding for non-native game fish species programs shall be made solely from revenue derived from the sale of special supplemental licenses and available federal funds.

Section 70-2-1__.

(1) A valid trout supplemental license issued by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency shall be possessed by any person over sixteen (16) years of age while fishing for all species of trout and char in the state's specially designated trout waters.

(2) Programs for the research, stocking, distribution, procreation, enhancement, and management of those species of trout and char not native to the waters of the Tennessee River system, the Cumberland River system, and the tributaries of the Mississippi River in Tennessee shall be funded solely from revenues derived from the sale of special trout supplemental licenses and available federal funds.

(a) A valid striped bass/Cherokee bass hybrid supplemental license issued by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency shall be possessed by any person over sixteen (16) years of age while fishing for all species of striped bass/Cherokee bass hybrid.

(b) Programs for the research, stocking, distribution, procreation, enhancement, and management of those species of striped bass/Cherokee bass hybrid not native to the waters of the Tennessee River system, the Cumberland River system, and the tributaries of the Mississippi River in Tennessee shall be funded solely from revenue derived from the sale of special striped bass/Cherokee bass fishing supplemental licenses and available federal funds.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-201, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

(g) When a resident purchases a combination hunting and fishing license, the resident may designate on the application whether the fees should be designated solely for the fishing program. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency shall tabulate the results beginning July 1, 1996, and implement its program in accordance with the license funding allocation results.

(h) When a resident purchases any of the licenses listed in subsection (a), the resident may designate on the application whether the fees should be designated solely for the game management program. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency shall

tabulate the results beginning July 1, 1996, and implement its program in accordance with the license funding allocation results.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-201(a)(2), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(F) Striped bass/Cherokee bass hybrid --- 11.00

SECTION 4. For the purpose of promulgating rules and designing the required new forms, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect on July 1, 1996.